

Internal Conflict Nears End Mao Seen Wrecking Red Society He Built

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Washington, Dec. 25 (NEWS Bureau)—Like a petulant child who smashes his Christmas toys because he didn't get the bike he wanted, Red China's aging dictator Mao Tse-tung has with his own hands shattered the Communist society he spent most of his life building.

That is the judgment of American experts, based on information developed within the Central Intelligence Agency, the Defense Department and the State Department, on the eve of Mao's 73d birthday tomorrow.

Events of the last few days indicate a showdown is near in the internecine struggle for control of the world's most populous and cantankerous country.

But even if Mao succeeds in destroying the most prominent of his foes, U.S. analysts regard the "great proletarian cultural revolution" that Mao launched a year ago as his biggest blunder, the product of an old man's paranoia.

It has torn the fabric of China.

Mao Forces Fail To Achieve Objective

And it has failed to achieve its objective — creation of a Chinese Communist Party of obedient worshipers of the Mao cult that could be relied upon to carry through the Maoist blueprint for continuing revolution both in China and the world after Mao is gone.

Instead, it has enlarged and unified an opposition to Mao and his policies that was underground and scattered before. And the opponents now appear to outnumber Mao's supporters in the Red hierarchy.

On one side are party Chairman Mao and a small clique of hard-line supporters, including



Mao Tse-tung
Not doing so well

Defense Minister Lin Piao, Mao's designated heir, and Premier Chou En-lai, who has gone along sort of half-heartedly.

On the other side are other veteran Communists, led by Chief of State Liu Shao-chi and party General Secretary Teng Hsiao-ping, who run the party

Party Urged For Mao, 73

Tokyo, Dec. 25, (Reuters)—China's Red Guards have called for an unprecedented celebration of tomorrow's 73d birthday of Communist Party Chairman Mao Tse-tung, describing his longevity as "a joy to the world," the Japanese national news agency Kyodo reported today.

Mao's previous birthdays have not been marked publicly.

Kyodo's Peking correspondent said that several days ago Red Guards started posting wall newspapers proposing that the birthday of the Chinese leader be "celebrated with grandeur because his longevity is a joy to the world."

Another Red Guard poster suggested parades with gongs and drums to mark his birthday.

A third read: "Do you say this is cult of the personality? That is right. We worship Chairman Mao limitlessly."

apparatus strongly rooted throughout the country.

In what analysts here describe as a dogged, perhaps last-ditch drive by Mao and Lin to rout their foes, a public rally was